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SUBJ: NATAL PROVINCIAL COUNCIL SUPPORTS PRIME MINISTER'S

CALL FOR CHANGE

1. UNITED PARTY-DOMINATED NATAL PROVINCIAL COUNCIL HAS PASSED RESOLUTION WELCOMING PRIME MINISTER'S ALLEGED INTENTION TO MOVE AWAY FROM NATIONALIST PARTY POLICIES IN ORDER BRING MEANINGFUL CHANGE TO SOUTH AFRICA AND PLEDGED COUNCIL'S FULL SUPPORT. FIVE NATIONALIST MEMBERS OF COUNCIL OPPOSED MOTION, INSISTING GOVT HAD NO INTENTION OF ABANDONING BASIC NATIONAL PARTY POLICY. IN SUPPORTING MOTION, U.P. LEADER THREATENED THAT IF SAG FAILED MAKE MEANINGFUL CHANGES WITHIN NEXT YEAR PROVINCIAL GOVT WOULD DO SO ON ITS OWN.

2. COMMENT: MOTION APPEARS MORE DESIGNED TO EMBARRASS NATIONALIST GOVT THAN PRODUCE REAL PROGRESS, WHICH WOULD BE DIFFICULT FOR NATAL TO ACHIEVE ON ITS OWN AGAINST GOVT POLICY. IF RECENT DURBAN CITY COUNCIL EXPERIENCE ANY EXAMPLE, WHERE LOUDLY TRUMPETED PLANS FOR ABOLITION OF PETTY APARTHEID HAVE BROUGHT VIRTUALLY NO CHANGES, THEN U.P. LEADER'S WORDS MAY

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BE VIEWED AS ONE MORE VIGOROUS CALL FOR CHANGE WITHOUT HOPE

OF MEANINGFUL IMPLEMENTATION.
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